GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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EXPANSION OF G-8 AND G-10
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Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to expand G-8 and G-10 to include India and China;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the names of countries which have supported the above proposal; and

(d) the reaction of the Union Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHMED)

(a), (b), c) & d) There have been some media reports that after the conclusion of the G-8 summit in USA in June 2004, the Prime Ministers of the United Kingdom and Italy, and the President of Russia, in response to questions from journalists, made general remarks about the desirability of the G-8 countries having greater interaction with India and China. As there is no formal proposal to expand G-8 to include India and China, the question of the reaction of the Government does not arise.